GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTFALL IN REVENUE COLLECTION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has suffered a shortfall of over Rs. 150 crore in revenue and 1.75 million tonne in-loading over the revised estimate for 2000-2001 presented in the budget for the current year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to make up the losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The shortfall in earning was due to drop in average lead of traffic and lesser offering of traffic in Foodgrains, Fertilizers, Iron & Steel and Cement as compared to last year's targets.

(c): The steps taken to make up the losses include extension of Volume Discount Scheme, liberalization of "Station-to-Station" rates scheme, introduction of Merry-go- round (MGR) system to attract short lead bulk trafficand monitoring the loading of high profit yielding commodities on each Zonal Railway.